



## Reissuing Freight Rail Assistance Program and Freight Rail Investment Bank application packets to ensure engineering and environmental components are addressed

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The previous call for projects successfully generated 26 applications. The high volume of applications necessitates the need for respondents to ensure applications contain all the necessary engineering and environmental documentation. The Washington State Department of Transportation has extended the deadline. Please submit revised or new applications by 11:59 p.m. on September 14, 2012.

### Call for Projects

Particular attention should be paid to the following areas:

- Design and Construction Engineering – WSDOT will have no resources to assist or supplement project plans in the event your application is successful. Please ensure you have requested adequate funding to meet necessary engineering requirements.
- Environmental Impacts – Successful applicants will be required to demonstrate the proposed project meets all federal, state and local laws and all federal, state and local permits have been secured prior to the release of any funds. The application must show:
  - A list of permits needed
  - Permit acquisition in the project timeline
- Benefit-to-Cost Analysis – WSDOT will perform a cost-benefit analysis. The application package clearly defines all of the information necessary for completion of this analysis. By statute, it is required that projects chosen for funding have economic benefits exceeding the project cost. If the project cost is greater than the benefit, or if information is missing or incomplete, the application will be disqualified.

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### 1. Why is there an extension?

WSDOT is streamlining how the funds will be dispersed. WSDOT will not have resources (specifically engineering) to assist applicants in the event of a scope change during project execution. There have been no changes to the information required or the criteria used to evaluate applications. In an effort to ensure a continued high rate of successfully completed projects, WSDOT is advising applicants in advance so they

can plan accordingly and make changes in their application as needed regarding engineering and environmental.

**2. I've already applied. What should I do next?**

If you are satisfied that your application meets all of the requirements of its respective program including engineering and environmental, simply send an email to the address below advising that your submissions are complete and you will not be amending your application. WSDOT will begin the next step of the review process.

If you plan to amend your application, please notify WSDOT via email at [freight@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:freight@wsdot.wa.gov) that you will be sending an updated application.

Make sure we receive your new or amended application by the deadline of 11:59 p.m., September 14, 2012. Please specify whether your submission is in addition to or replacing your original application.

**3. I haven't applied yet. Can I still participate?**

Yes. Applications for both programs can be found at the link below. The deadline for applications is 11:59 p.m. at September 14, 2012.

## **Applications**

Applications and information can be found at:

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Freight/Rail/GrantandLoanPrograms>

Send applications via email:

[freight@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:freight@wsdot.wa.gov)

Mail applications to:

Washington State Department of Transportation  
Freight Systems Division  
Christopher Herman  
PO Box 47407  
Olympia WA 98504-7407

or send via express or private-mail delivery:

Washington State Department of Transportation  
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If you have questions, please contact Christopher Herman, Freight Rail Policy & Program Manager at [freight@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:freight@wsdot.wa.gov) or (360) 705-6921.